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LETTER DATED 16 FEBRUARY 1990 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN LIAISON AND INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN TRIPOLI ON 13 FEBRUARY 1990

... I have the honour to enclose herewith a statement issued by the People's Committee for Foreign Liaison and International Co-operation in Tripoli on 13 February 1990, concerning the agreement reached by the Soviet Foreign Minister and the American Secretary of State on the question of chemical weapons.

I would be grateful if this statement be issued as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

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Statement by the People's Committee of the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison and International Co-operation

The People's Committee of the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison and International Co-operation has issued the following statement:

"During the last two days, a Soviet - United States statement was issued at Moscow, concerning an agreement by the ministers for foreign affairs of the two countries on the need to eliminate chemical weapons throughout the world and their determination to work for the signature and application of a multilateral agreement prohibiting the production and use of chemical weapons and providing for the world-wide elimination of the stockpiles of such weapons. Having considered that statement, the People's Committee of the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison and International Co-operation wishes to emphasis the following:

1. The Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya welcomes the content of that statement and hopes that it will be fully applied.

2. The Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya has already clearly stated its position in regard to these and other types of weapons of mass destruction and calls for the adoption of more far-reaching measures for the elimination of chemical, biological and nuclear weapons and the destruction of the stockpiles of these weapons in order to protect mankind from their dangers and preclude any possibility of their use.

3. The Jamahiriya and the Arab nation as a whole are particularly well aware of the dangers posed by these weapons of mass destruction in view of their possession by the Zionist enemy in occupied Palestine, which is threatening the security of the region and also affecting world peace and security.

4. The Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, having shown the world the nature of the plant at Rabta, takes this opportunity to invite the States and companies throughout the world, which are concerned with the production of pharmaceuticals, to participate with us in the production of medicines and medical equipment.

13 February 1990"